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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

General

I am sure that has reported to you on the flap which occurred over the weekend of 3-5 April. This first came to my attention at the Executive Committee Meeting when Jack Smith read from the 6 April Central Intelligence Bulletin as follows: "Consultation with intelligence representatives of the Department of State was not undertaken for this issue of the Central Intelligence Bulletin owing to temporary communications difficulties beyond the control of the Central Intelligence Agency."

The Director later asked me to provide him with an explanation of what happened. I was disappointed, as I am sure Jack told you, that the attached memorandum dealt only with the delivery of the CIB information to the Department of State on Sunday, 5 April 1964, and made no explanation as to the real reason for the trouble. I perhaps was not explicit enough in my request to Jack as to just what I wanted.

Suffice it to say that at the Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 7 April, I reported to the Director substantially as follows: A program to convert to equipment both here and at the Department of State had been in the making for some time and a target date of 1 April was agreed upon for the changeover. We failed to make a last minute check with the Department to ensure that they were ready for the conversion and permitted the telephone company to proceed with the necessary change in circuits. (I regard this, as does the Director, as a serious error on the part of the Office of Communications.) Having made the error, however, the Office of Communications apparently took prompt action to use an alternate circuit in order to ensure that the material was delivered. There was, however, about a three-hour delay on Friday, 3 April, and the material did not arrive at the Department until about 1600 hours. There was also a one-hour-and-seventeen-minute delay on Sunday, when it arrived at the Department at 1432 hours. It seemed to me that notwithstanding our mistake the material arrived at the Department in plenty of time to consider it and coordinate it with OCI had the Department been very much interested in doing so. Furthermore, I thought that the

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Agency was seriously at fault because both OCI and the Office of Communications knew of these delays and neither took any action to deliver the material by courier, which would certainly have ensured a much earlier arrival than the electrical transmission.

The Director was quite disappointed in our performance in this instance and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to look into it and take the necessary action. I have heard nothing further from Kirk. However, I have not received any satisfactory explanation for this premature changeover and for our failure to check with the Department of State prior to the changeover. I assume that there really isn't any satisfactory explanation. I also assume that you will conduct whatever further investigation you think necessary to fix the responsibility for this error and to take such other disciplinary action as you deem appropriate.

Signed

L. K. White

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cc: Executive Director-Comptroller

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Delivery of CIA Bulletin Information to the Department of State on 5 April 1964

1. This is for your information concerning the delivery of the 5 April CIB material sent to the Department of State.
2. The CIB information was transmitted to the Department of State in five sections. It was received at the following local times Sunday afternoon: 1242, 1253, 1412, 1430 and 1432. Since the material was routed via another relay center, and in order to insure that it had arrived at State in time for a scheduled 3:15 panel meeting, the CIA Signal Center called State and confirmed that it was there and that the last item had arrived at 1432. Therefore, we do not feel that the non-co-ordination of the material is the result of the faulty electrical communications.
3. We have instructed the telephone company to re-establish the direct half duplex circuit between CIA and State (RCI). Its installation was premature in that State is not ready to convert to full duplex operation for several weeks. In this instance our proceeding with the planned change in circuitry without making a final check with the Department of State was in error.
4. Please note that the delay times that resulted from the additional relay as shown on the attached sheet were not excessive after the first message was passed.

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CIA To State CTB Information

April 5 - Local Time

OCI Release	CIA Signal Center		RCI Receive	Delay Time 25X1
1118	1120		1242	1:24
1234	1235		1253	:21
1345	1345		1412	:27
1402	1402		1430	:28
1416	1430		1432	:16

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